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Re: Damaris Cuevas v. City of New York, et al., 07 CV 4169 (LAP)<sup>1</sup>

Your Honor:

As the Assistant Corporation Counsel assigned to the defense of the above-referenced civil rights action on behalf of the City of New York, I write to respectfully inform the Court that this office is in receipt of a letter from plaintiff's counsel, Warren Goodman, Esq., dated March 4, 2008, in which he informs this office that he will no longer be representing his client in the above matter due to the temporary suspension of his law license. It appears from counsel's letter that plaintiff is in the process of seeking to obtain new counsel. Accordingly, I write to respectfully request that the Court adjourn the initial conference currently scheduled for April 30, 2008 at 12:00 p.m. to a date and time after plaintiff either obtains new counsel or informs the Court and defendants of her intention to proceed pro se.

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This case has been assigned to Assistant Corporation Counsel Katherine E. Smith, who is presently awaiting admission to the bar and is handling this matter under supervision. Ms. Smith may be reached directly at (212) 513-0462.

<sup>2</sup> Counsel's letter of March 4, 2008 is annexed hereto for the Court's

LORETTA A. PRESKA

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

March 28, 2008

I thank Your Honor for considering the within request.

Respectfully submitted,

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